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To All United States Marshals Service Employees,

I wish to inform you that I will be returning to Texas in August, ending my tenure with the Marshals Service. Going home has always been my commitment and I look forward to being closer to my family. My last day in the Marshals Service will be July 31, 2005.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with each of you. Over the last three and a half years, your contributions have resulted in many accomplishments and your commitment to teamwork and cooperation has been commendable. As I visited divisions and districts throughout our great nation, I always observed the highest level of commitment to our missions and to our honorable profession. Your hard work, "where the rubber meets the road," has always been inspirational to me. As I mentioned on numerous occasions, I have regularly received letters or calls from judges, police chiefs, sheriffs and citizens. They expressed their appreciation for your professionalism, and praised your high level of service. They mirrored my observations and validated my admiration.

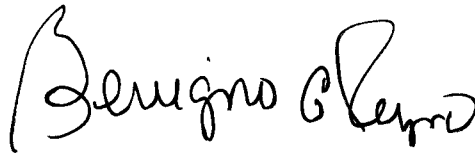
Participation by many of you in the numerous committees, working groups, boards and/or panels resulted in dynamic and positive change in the Marshals Service. Each division and district achieved significant accomplishments. A very brief overview of the results of your efforts include, but is certainly not limited to, increased staffing levels and the establishment of the Office of Protective Intelligence enhancing the protection of the judiciary; the creation of an internal Office of Inspection and the restructuring of the Office of Information Technology. The significant IT enhancements both in hardware and software and the initiation of systems integration moved the USMS into the modern-day era in information technology. Additionally, in the last three years, over 600 of our colleagues have been promoted; the specialized tasks of the Special Operations Group and the Hazardous Response Unit were integrated resulting in greater response capabilities and a higher state of readiness; and foreign fugitive investigation offices were permanently established in Mexico, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. Recently, the cooperation and coordination by districts and the regional fugitive task forces in Operation Falcon achieved an unprecedented increase of apprehensions of violent fugitives.

In 1787, the fundamentals of freedom were guaranteed to every citizen by the United States Constitution. Two years later, in 1789, our predecessors were given that charge. It was the beginning of the "American Dream." Over two centuries later, we continue to proudly safeguard it.

I am very honored with the privilege afforded to me by President George W. Bush to have served as Director of the United States Marshals Service. And, I was blessed with the opportunity to have worked alongside each of you.

My best wishes to you and your families.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benigno G. Reyna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B".

Benigno G. Reyna  
Director



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**STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO R. GONZALES ON THE  
RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR BENIGNO G. REYNA OF  
THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales today issued the following statement on the resignation of Director Benigno G. Reyna of the U.S. Marshals Service:

“Benigno Reyna has served as Director of the U.S. Marshals Service with integrity and skill. As a law enforcement officer with more than 29 years of experience, he has shown steadfast leadership in directing the Service in the months and years following the September 11th attacks, as well during its work with state and local law enforcement in Operation Falcon, which resulted in the arrests of more than 10,000 fugitives. I am grateful for his service and wish him every success in his future endeavors.”

Reyna was nominated by President Bush to serve as Director of the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) on September 12, 2001, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 29, 2001. During his tenure, Mr. Reyna oversaw the reorganization of the USMS headquarters—which has improved the agency’s ability to carry out its protective missions; improved the agency’s information technology infrastructure; and streamlined the agency’s resource allocation process, achieving a record level of employment. Under Mr. Reyna’s direction, the USMS has expanded both national and international law enforcement cooperative efforts and assisted state and local law enforcement to achieve a significant increase in the apprehension of violent fugitives.

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